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THOMAS D. WATKINS, JR.
SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Education

From: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman

Subject: Adoption of Resolution Honoring John L. Williams

Attached is a resolution in honor of John L. Williams formerly Deputy Director of Career Education Programs, Department of Career Development, in appreciation for his service as a former Department of Education employee, and his dedication to vocational and career education.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 12, 2003, honoring John L. Williams.

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RESOLUTION

JOHN L. WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, John L. Williams is a graduate of the University of Michigan, from which he holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's of Arts Degree in Education; and

WHEREAS, John L. Williams joined the Michigan Department of Education in 1998 as its Director of Career, Curriculum and Technical Education Services; and later joined the Michigan Department of Career Development when it was created by Executive Order 1999-12; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 John L. Williams was appointed Deputy Director of Career Education Programs of the Michigan Department of Career Development; and

WHEREAS, John L. Williams has vast educational experiences as a high school teacher, assistant principal, principal, and regional technical education administrator; and

WHEREAS, John L. Williams has also served as Past President of the Michigan Council of Vocational Administrators (MCVA); and has served on the Executive Board and Chair of the Teacher Education Committee of the National Association of State Directors of Vocational and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, John L. Williams was the recipient of the 1998 Michigan Career Leadership Network Ralph C. Wenrich Award for Outstanding Leadership at the state level; and

WHEREAS, John L. Williams' greatest strengths include his vision in implementing and promoting the Career Preparation system, always placing students' career development first; and

WHEREAS, John L. Williams has chosen his own new career path as a private educational consultant; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education receives with deep regret the news of the departure of this able and distinguished educator and public servant on December 31, 2002, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to John L. Williams its highest regard and heart-felt gratitude for the dedication and expertise he has brought to the students, parents, educators, and employers of Michigan; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its fervent wish that John L. Williams enjoys many years of happiness, good health, and rewarding experiences as he travels down his career pathway.